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E.O. 1162: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNESCO, IS  
SUBJECT: GOI LETTER ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: PARIS 3956

JU. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOI LETTER GIVEN TO US BY  
JOFFE:

QUOTE: EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR  
EXCELLENCY'S LETTER OF AUGUST 6, 1976, ADDRESSED TO THE  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONCERNING THE MISSION  
WHICH YOU WISH TO SEND TO ISRAEL IN ORDER TO GATHER  
INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE  
ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES, TO THE MINISTER'S REPLY OF  
SEPT. 14, 1976, AND TO THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN  
YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE MINISTER OF OCTOBER 1, 1976, ON  
THE SAME MATTER.

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I HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RECALL THE TALKS WHICH  
TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR BETWEEN  
THE MINISTER AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN  
WHICH IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT ACTION TAKEN BY THE 19TH  
GENERAL CONFERENCE AT NAIROBI ON THIS QUESTION, WOULD  
INEVITABLY HAVE AN EFFECT ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES IN

ISRAEL TOWARDS THE PROPOSED MISSION. A SIMILAR CAUIONARY VIEW WAS EXPRESSED BY THE HEAD OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. IT IS THUS WITH EXTREME RERRET AND DISAPPOINTMENT T AT NY MINISTER HAS NOTED THAT THE GENERA CONFERENCE HAS ONCE AGAIN CONDEMNED ISRAEL ON UNFOUNDED CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE POPULATIONS OF THE AREAS IN QUES- TION TO NATIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL LIFE, BEFORE ANY EXAMINAION OF HE FACTS.

AS YOUR EXCELENCY IS WELL AWARE, ISRAEL HAS NOTHING TO HIDE AND HAS NO BEEN IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO THE VISIT OF A MISSION, AS SPECIFIED IN OUR CONTACTS REFERRED TO ABOVE, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

IN VIEW OF HE ANTICIPATED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL AND IN THE MIDDLE- EAST IN GENERAL DURING THE COMING MONHS, MR. ALLON FEELS THAT THE PRESENT WOULD NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO CONSIDER THE SENDING OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ISRAEL. HE SUGGESTS THEREFORE THAT THE MATTER BE POSTPONED TO THE SUMMER OF THIS YEAR, AND HOPES THAT YOU WILL AGREE TO THIS.

I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RE- NEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED MEIR JOFFE, PERMANENT REPRESENTA- TIVE. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: NOTE THAT THERE IS NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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GEN. CONF. RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, CAREFUL READING OF PARA 3 AND PARA 4 INDICATES GOI IS MAKING NO DIRECT COMMITMENT TO RECEIVE THE MISSION. STATEMENT THAT "ISRAEL HAS NOTHING TO HIDE AND HAS NOT BEEN IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO VISIT" IS CAREFULLY WORDED TO PUT DIRECT REFERENCE TO VISIT IN PAST TENSE, I.E. "HAS NOT BEEN IN IRINCIPLE OPPOSED" AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION THAT THEY ARE NOW READY TO ACCEPT MISSION OR WILL BE IN THE SUMMER. NEXT PARAGRAIH IS CAREFUL TO PUT OFF CONSIDERATION REPEAT CONSIDERATION OF HE SENDING OF THE MISSION, NOT TO PUT OFF THE ACTUAL SENDING OF THE MISSION. THE LAST LINE OF THIS PARAGRAPH SUGGESTS THAT THE "MATTER3 BE POSTPONED. THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE A REFERENCE TO THE

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MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT THE MISSION WOULD BE RECEIVED RATHER THAN A DIRECT POSTPONEMENT OF THE MISSION ITSELF. WE ARE SURE THESE NICETIES WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED BY M'BOW. NAJMAN AND KABORE WILL TRY TO GET HIM TO ACCEPT THE TEXT ON FAITH WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT GOI DOES MEAN TO RECEIVE THE MISSION. THE GOI HAS LEFT ITSELF A WAY OUT, FOR INSTANCE, IF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WERE TO ADOPT A FURTHER RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, SUCH SEMANTIC JUGGLING MAY SET WELL WITH DOMESTIC OPINION, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS SHOULD GOI DECIDE NOT TO RECEIVE THE MISSION THIS SUMMER. THEREFORE, IT IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PERSUADE GOI TO AGREE TO RECEIVE THE MISSION AND FIX A DEFINITE DATE IN ITS SUBSEQUENT DEALINGS WITH UNESCO.

3. AS TO THE PROBABLE EFFECT OF THE LETTER ON PROSPECTS FOR LIFTING THE JERUSALEM SANCTIONS, OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT IT IS NOW EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EXPECT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO ACT AT ITS SPRING SESSION. IN FACT, M'BOW WOULD DO WELL TO KEEP THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER SECRET AS THE ARABS WOULD CERTAINLY FIND IT EASY TO ATTACK. M'BOW HAS JUST RETURNED FROM MEETING CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD AND HE MAY HAVE MADE PROMISES ABOUT SENDING THE TEAM TO THE TERRITORIES. HE MAY NOT BE IN ANY POSITION TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER TO HELP THE GOI BY SUPPORTING LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS. WE ARE QUITE CERTAIN THAT THE ARABS AND THIRD WORLD MEMBERS OF THE

BOARD WOULD WANT TO HAVE A POSITIVE REPORT ON SENDING THE TEAM TO THE TERRITORIES BEFORE CONSIDERING THE JERUSALEM ITEM. ALTHOUGH THE TWO ARE THEORETICALLY SEPARATE, THEY TEND TO MOVE SIDE BY SIDE. THEREFORE, THE BEST WE MAY NOW BE ABLE TO HOPE FOR IS A QUIET SPRING BOARD, NOT CONSIDERING ANY OF THE HOT MIDDLE EAST ITEMS. WE EXPECT TO BE TALKING WITH NAJMAN AND KABORE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GET THEIR ASSESSMENT, PARTICULARLY OF THE REACTION OF M'BOW, AND THEY MAY TAKE A DIFFERENT VIEW. WE HOPE TO MEET WITH THEM BY THE END OF THE WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE DO NOT PLAN TO ASK FOR A MEETING WITH M'BOW, BUT MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK INFORMALLY WITH HIM.

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